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DATE: October 16, 2025

TO: WRHA Senior Executive Team

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FROM: Jane Curtis, Interim President & CEO

Dr. Joss Reimer, Regional lead, Medical Services & Chief Medical Officer

Subject: Announcement of Associate Chief Medical Officer, Indigenous Health

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Shelley Anderson** is the successful candidate for the role of **Associate Chief Medical Officer**, **Indigenous Health (ACMO-IH)** with the WRHA, effective October 20, 2025.

This new role, reporting to Dr. Joss Reimer and part of our Senior Executive Team, will work in partnership with Indigenous communities, and alongside the Chief Medical Officer, to improve health system structures and practices that affect Indigenous patients, families and staff, as well as help ensure that our models of care support Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and healing. They will also support physicians across the region in understanding and meeting the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Manitoba Standard of Practicing Medicine to Eliminate Anti-Indigenous Racism.

Dr. Anderson is Métis, raised in Winnipeg, but with a strong connection to and time spent in her home community of Loon Straits, with family ties to Bloodvein, Fisher River and Peguis First Nations. She also acknowledges her Scottish and Icelandic settler heritage. With roots firmly planted in the Interlake and Eastern regions, she has worked with these communities for more than 22 years as a Geriatric Psychiatrist.



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In addition to her clinical work, she most recently served as the Medical Lead for Physician Health and Wellness at Doctors Manitoba, and has been an Assistant Professor with the Max Rady College of Medicine at the University of Manitoba since 2003.

With her extensive experience and focused work on the need for trauma-informed, culturally sensitive and person-centred care for Indigenous people, as well as identifying and navigating larger systems issues impacting BIPOC physicians and medical learners from underrepresented groups, Dr. Anderson will be an invaluable addition to our organization.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Anderson to our team.